



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05711.0131

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Hideyuki MATSUSHIMA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
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Application No.: 09/994,631 ) Examiner: A. Jackson  
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Filed: November 28, 2001 )  
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For: SNAP FASTENER ) Confirmation No.: 7707

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action of November 14, 2003. A fee of \$530.00 (\$950.00 minus \$420.00 paid on March 31, 2004), is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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